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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Douglas R. Elliott

For: **Method for Obtaining and Allocating Investment Income Based
on the Capitalization of Intellectual Property**

U.S. Serial No.: 09/481,126

Filed: January 11, 2000

Group Art Unit: 3628

Examiner: Harish Dass

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

This is a response to the restriction/election requirement mailed July 2, 2002, in the above-captioned patent application. The Examiner identified three (3) groups, Group I being Claims 1-3 and Group II being Claims 4-13, and Group III being Claims 14-34. Applicant elects to prosecute Invention Group I under this application (Claims 1-3), and to file two continuation applications for Invention Groups II (Claims 4-13), and Group III (Claims 14-34). Consistent with this election, please amend the above-identified U.S. Patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete page 6, lines 3-21, and page 9, line 1 through page 12, line 17. These portions of the specification are not applicable to the claims Applicant has elected to prosecute in this application in response to the restriction requirement. These non-elected groups will be addressed in continuation applications to be filed.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please delete claims 4-34. These claims are being deleted as the result of a restriction requirement, and will be addressed in continuation applications to be filed.

APPLICANT'S RESPONSE:

Applicant elects to prosecute Invention Group I under this application (Claims 1-3), and to file continuation applications for Invention Groups II (Claims 4-13) and III (Claims 14-34). Consistent with this election, Applicant deletes Claims 4-34, and portions of the Specification specifically related to the portions of the invention not elected for prosecution in this Application. The Examiner has requested Applicant to elect figures that relate to the group being elected. Applicant has reviewed the Figures filed with the Application, and respectfully submits that Figures A, B and C are related to Invention Group I, being elected under this application.

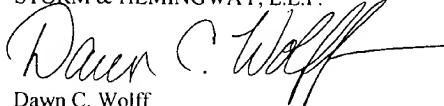
CONCLUSION

On the basis of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant believes that all requests made of Applicant in this Office Action have been addressed and Applicant has complied with all requirements made therein. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of this application for early allowance.

Date: 7-31-02

Respectfully submitted,

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